GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Powerlooms
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey for ascertaining the number of powerlooms functioning in the country as on date;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of deteriorating condition of powerlooms industry and also decline in their number and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take measures for arresting the fall in number of powerloom units in the country ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government for giving incentives to the powerloom industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A base line survey of Powerloom Industry was conducted by M/s A.C. Nielsen from May, 2012 to June, 2013 to ascertain the number of Powerlooms functioning in the Country. The State-wise details of the number of Powerlooms and Units as per the report of the survey is enclosed as Annexure-I

(c) to (e): There is no decline in the number of Powerlooms in the Country. The number of Power looms installed in the country is increasing as seen form the table below:

Year No. of powerlooms
2011-12 22,98,377
2012-13 23,47,249
2013-14 23,67,594
2014-15 24,47,837
2015-16 25,22,477

However, the Government is implementing a large number of schemes for strengthening the Powerloom Sector. These include In-Situ Upgradation scheme for plain Powerlooms, Group Workshed Scheme (GWS), Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD) and Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) under which financial assistance in the form of subsidy is being provided for the overall development of the decentralised Powerloom Sector.